# Early Warning System

IFC-43607 Lidl Romania RSE



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### **Quick Facts**

| Countries               | Romania                                 |
|-------------------------|---|
| Financial Institutions  | International Finance Corporation (IFC) |
| Status                  | Active                                  |
| Bank Risk Rating        | В                                       |
| Voting Date             | 2021-12-13                              |
| Borrower                | LIDL DISCOUNT SRL                       |
| Sectors                 | Industry and Trade                      |
| Investment Type(s)      | Loan                                    |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 94.52 million                        |
| Project Cost (USD)      | \$ 1,111.96 million                     |

### **Project Description**

According to the bank website, Lidl Discount S.R.L. is a discount food retailer in Romania and a subsidiary of D. Schwarz Beteiligungs-KG. The IFC loan will support Lidl's investments in the COVID-19 pandemic induced improvements and expansion of its infrastructure and operations over the 2020-23 period.

### **People Affected By This Project**

In the context of COVID-19 pandemic, IFC, through the crisis response financing, will help Lidl to: (i) increase access to quality products at affordable prices in remote and rural locations of Romania; (ii) grow domestic supplier base to minimize supply chain disruptions; and (iii) elevate food safety standards along the supply chain and safeguard employees in the stores to be built or modernized as part of the Project. By limiting supply disruptions, the Project promotes resilience in the food retail market.

## **Investment Description**

• International Finance Corporation (IFC)



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| Private Actor 1 | Private Actor<br>1 Role | Private Actor<br>1 Sector | Relation | Private Actor 2      | Private Actor<br>2 Role | Private Actor<br>2 Sector |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| -               | -                       | -                         | -        | Lidl Discount S.R.L. | Client                  | -                         |
| _               | -                       | -                         | -        | Schwarz Group        | Parent Company          | _                         |

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